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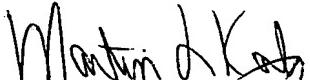
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed please find the English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority issued in the PCT application (PCT/EP2004/014118) of this National Phase application. Applicants respectfully request the aforementioned documents be entered into the official record of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted

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(PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)**

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M/43136-PCT

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/EP2004/014118

International filing date (day/month/year)
10 December 2004 (10.12.2004)

Applicant

ABBOTT GMBH & CO. KG et al

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

- The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).
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PCT**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**
(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference M/43136-PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP2004/014118	International filing date (day/month/year) 10 December 2004 (10.12.2004)	Priority date (day/month/year) 11 December 2003 (11.12.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant ABBOTT GMBH & CO. KG			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 8 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis.2).

Date of issuance of this report 29 August 2006 (29.08.2006)
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year)	See form PCT/ISA/210
Applicant's or agent's file reference M/43136-PCT		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	
International application No. PCT/EP2004/014118	International filing date (day/month/year) 10.12.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 11.12.2003	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C07D403/12, C07D401/12, C07D223/16, A61K31/55, A61P13/12, A61P25/28			
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/014118

Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
<p>1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 25.1(b)).</p> <p>2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in written format</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p> <p>4. Additional comments:</p>	

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Box No. III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- the entire international application
 claims Nos. 1-28 (in part)

because:

- the said international application, or the said claims Nos. _____ relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

- the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):

- the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

- no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 1-28 (in part)

- the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

- has not been furnished
 does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

- has not been furnished
 does not comply with the standard

- the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

- See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V		Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-28	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
1 The present application is concerned with ketolactam compounds which can be used as dopamine D3 receptor modulators in the case of disorders of the central nervous system and in the case of kidney malfunctions. What is claimed is some of these compounds (independent claim 1), pharmaceutical preparations containing them (independent claim 25) and the use of the said compounds for producing pharmaceutical preparations (independent claim 26).			
2 Reference is made to the following documents. The same numbering of the documents will be used throughout the procedure:			
D1: ORJALES A ET AL., EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY, EDITIONS SCIENTIFIQUE ELSEVIER, PARIS, FR, vol. 37, no. 9, September 2002, pages 721-730			
D2: WO 97/25324 A (BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT; TREIBER, HANS-JOERG; BLANK, STEFAN; STARCK, D) 17 July 1997			
D3: HACKLING A E ET AL., CHEMBIOCHEM - A EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF CHEMICAL BIOLOGY, WILEY VCH, WEINHEIM, DE, vol. 3, no. 10, 4 October 2002, pages 946-961			
D4: WO 00/76981 A (NEUROGEN CORPORATION; ZHAO, HE; THURKAUF, ANDREW) 21 December 2000			
D5: LEOPOLDO M ET AL., JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, WASHINGTON, US, vol. 45,			

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement

no. 26, 22 November 2002, pages 5727-5735

3 D1 discloses the two structurally closest compounds 20 and 28, but these do not come within the claim range searched since the bicyclic there (with Z) is different from the corresponding substituent Ar of the present formula (I) or (I'). The present claims are therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

4 The present claims are not inventive within the meaning of PCT Article 33(3):

D₂ modulators of the ring-spacer-piperazine-bond/spacer-aromatic type are known from the prior art (see D2, D3, D5). The present technical problem appears, in view of, for example, D2 as most relevant prior art, to provide alternative selective D₂ modulators. Starting out from the basic structure of the above ligand type, the present technical solution is variation of the "ring" which in the present case is a bicyclic azepinedione derivative or a compound similar thereto.

D1 discloses dopamine modulators which contain the heterocycles 1-10 and can thus, according to D1, be expected to display dopamine activity. Mention is made of, *inter alia*, the compounds 20 and 28 and further structurally similar compounds which have a "ring" as in the compounds claimed. Since these compounds have a low activity compared to D₂, a person skilled in the art seeking dopamine modulators of the D₂ group which selectively bind to D₂ rather than D₁ would consider an appropriate variation of the "ring" starting out from known modulators of the ring-spacer-piperazine-bond/spacer-aromatic type. The subject matter of claims 1-26 therefore does not appear to be inventive.

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- 5 The present claims are industrially applicable and meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(4).

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of:

Box III

The present compound claims 1-24 (and therefore also the further claims 25-28) relate in part to a disproportionately large number of possible compounds of which only a small proportion is supported by the description within the meaning of PCT Article 6 and/or can be considered to be disclosed in the patent application within the meaning of PCT Article 5. In the present case, the claims lack the proper support and the application lacks the requisite disclosure to such an extent that it does not appear possible to carry out a meaningful search covering the entire range of protection sought.

The search was therefore directed to the parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed in the above sense, namely claim 1 in combination with claims 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9, i.e. in the present formulae (I), (I'), (I-Aa), (I-A'a) and (I-Ba), the respective restrictions of the said dependent claims were taken over for the variables group R^x, R^y (claim 2), D (claim 3), A (claim 4), N ring (claim 6) and R^a (claim 9).